GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF STEEL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steel production is adversely affected due to mining operations being affected in the naxalite infested areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has drawn up any plans to ensure that mining operations are carried out smoothly; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a)&(b): The steel production in the country during 2006-07 has increased as compared to production during 2005-06 as can be seen from below:

(Qty. in thousand tonnes)

Year	Production of crude steel in India
2005-06	46460
2006-07(Provisional)	50857

(Source: Joint Plant Committee)

Steel production of some of the customers of NMDC procuring iron ore from the Bailadila mines of NMDC located in the state of Chhattisgarh has been affected to some extent due to the disruption in mining activities and despatches of iron ore on account of Naxalite activities, in that state.

(c)&(d): Additional battalions of Central Paramilitary Forces(CPFs) and armed battalions from other states have been placed at the disposal of Chhattisgarh government. In addition, Central Government has sanctioned four India Reserve Battalions to the state, of which two battalions have already been raised. A Coordination Committee of Naxal affected states chaired by Home Secretary and a task force headed by Special Secretary(Internal Security), Government of India, which meets on monthly basis has been asked to regularly review the security of the Public Sector Units, particularly the mines located in the region, and take necessary steps to improve their security environment.